

FISCAL NOTE

SB 2787 - HB 2467

March 1, 2000

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires any person that engages in any clear-cutting operation over an area in excess of 10 acres to notify the Commissioner of Environment and Conservation at least 30 days in advance of beginning such operation. The notice shall include the location, acreage, and time in which the clear-cutting will occur. Failure to comply with the reporting requirements shall constitute a violation of this part and shall subject such person to penalties, as well as any other penalties or remedies available at law or in equity. Exempts the agricultural and forestry activities from the provisions of the bill, unless there is a point source discharge from a discernable, confined, and discrete water conveyance.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - Not Significant

Estimate assumes any increase in expenditures in the Department of Environment and Conservation to receive notifications would not be significant. Assumes existing enforcement activities would not be significantly expanded.

For information purposes, the Department of Agriculture estimates that of the approximate 4,753 logging operations, 30% or 1,423 are clear-cuts in excess of 10 acres.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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